

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully studied the outstanding Official Action mailed on September 17, 2008. This response is intended to be fully responsive to all points of rejection raised by the Examiner and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-4 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Barclay et al. (US 4451266).

Examiner states:

With respect to claims 1-4 BARCLAY et al. discloses additives for liquid hydrocarbon fuels such as gasoline and diesel fuel to obtain improved fuel efficiency and cleaner combustion. BARCLAY et al. teaches the suitable halogenated alkenes used as fuel additives include tetrachloroethylene, **tetrabromoethylene**, dibromodichloroethylene, and trichloroethylene and mixtures thereof (column 2 lines 41-48).

Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. Barclay et al. teach the use of tetrabromoethylene C_2Br_4 , which is of course different than what is taught in the present invention, namely, alkyl halide having the general formula $C_nH_{2n+2-m}X_m$, such as tetrabromoethane ($C_2H_2Br_4$).

Although it is felt that claim 1 already states this, to make clear what is meant by alkyl halide, claim 1 has been appropriately amended. Claims 5-8 have been added. Claims 1-8 are thus deemed allowable. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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